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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUBMITTED PRIOR TO  
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Dear Madam:

Applicant submits herewith patents and publications which may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. While this Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication, or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), Applicant makes no representation that a complete search has been conducted by the Applicant, or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists. Applicant also makes no representation that the information submitted herewith is in fact material.

A copy of a search report and the cited references are attached hereto. Each reference in the search report contained in the Information Disclosure Statement cited herein was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application no more than three months prior to the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A. In accordance with 1273 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 1, 8/5/2003, no copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications are enclosed. Copies of all other references are enclosed.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

This information disclosure statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97(b) as being filed before the mailing date of the first office action on the merits and therefore no fee is required.

Should any questions or comments arise regarding the listing of the submitted publications and patents in which the Examiner feels a telephone conversation would be appropriate, he or she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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